



The Ambassador



Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies
An International Baccalaureate World School

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F7 Creativity!



Thank you Mrs. Haag and Mrs. VanVuren for your dedication and hard work!

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Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, provides a quality public education with a rigorous and relevant transdisciplinary curriculum. Students are encouraged to become critical and open-minded thinkers, lifelong learners and compassionate world citizens who respect cultural diversity and take action to better our world.



SCAN ME

Freedom 7 Art Show 2024



Thank you!

I am so proud of each Freedom 7 artist and how hard they have worked this year. They have been risk-takers and specifically for the art show, have been reflective and open-minded as they chose pieces to display. As you view the artwork, please consider asking your artist open-ended questions about the ideas, process that went into creating. These artworks are a snapshot of what they wanted displayed. What is behind each of these artworks are the many practice pieces that lead them to this showcase and your artist will be the best communicator of how they have grown this year as an artist. I want to thank the countless family volunteers, our APT, custodial staff, Mrs. Lott, Mrs. Megown, and my enrichment teacher team for all their help and support. If you have any pictures from the Art Show or would like to comment, you can add to our Padlet by scanning the QR code. Please remember to keep comments positive and supportive just like our community!



Thank you for filling my heART-Mrs.Van Vuren

F7 Represents at Energy Whiz!

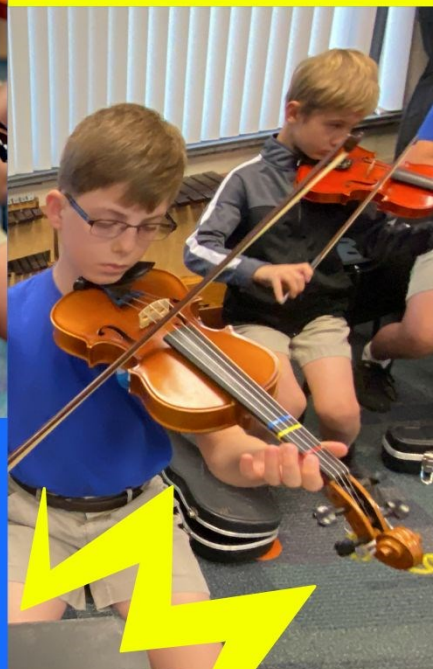
April 20, 2024

8 students participated in the annual Energy Whiz Energy "Olympics" last weekend at the Florida Solar Energy Center in Cocoa. Two 3rd grade teams entered their artwork into the Energy Inspired Art contest, one 6th grade team brought their homemade solar oven and cooked up a French-inspired plate and another 6th grade team constructed a "critter cottage" for the Critter Comfort Cottage competition. They represented our school well and deserve a congrats for their hard work and commitment! Way to go!



SPRING CONCERT

Beginning Strings
Intermediate Strings



COCOA BEACH JR/SR
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

April 30, 2024

6:00PM

Questions? Email haag.sandra@brevardschools.org

BPS is once again surveying teachers, parents,



and students through Project Tomorrow's Speak Up Survey. These results are shared with local, state, and national policymakers and utilized to make decisions about technology purchases and instructional integration within BPS. The survey will be open from April 15 to May 6, 2024, for student, parent, and faculty participation. The link will be published to the Focus Portal, and can be found [here](#) as well.



Cali M. recently shared her presentation, Plastic is Not Fantastic, with Cape Canaveral City Council members to celebrate Earth Day and take action in her community. This was Cali's second presentation to the council members, and she was honored by having her original poster framed and placed on display at the CAPE Center in Cape Canaveral.





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4th grade positions
open for fall!

here.



**4H - District Speech Contest 2nd Place
Winner!**



Jasmine P.
Mrs. Tarver's
4th Grade

On April 23rd, Jasmine represented Freedom 7 at the 4H District Speech Contest. She did an amazing job writing, memorizing, and presenting her speech. Her hard work paid off and she took 2nd place overall. Congratulations!

April 29 - May 3

Monday Day 1

Tuesday Day 2

Wednesday Day 3

Thursday Day 4

Friday Day 0

Parent input forms for 2024-2025 are available in the front office.



CONGRATULATIONS

Spring 2024 Mileage Club - Top 3 Per Grade

Kindergarten

1. Alexander C.
2. Corbin D.
3. Lucille G.

First Grade

1. Maddox R.
2. Beren S.
3. Chloe S.

Second Grade

1. Henrik K.
2. Kylo R.
3. Bryce C.

Third Grade

1. Gabriel B.
2. Benjamin F.
3. Kael P.

Fourth Grade

1. Leo Z.
2. Kael R.
3. Sebastian S.

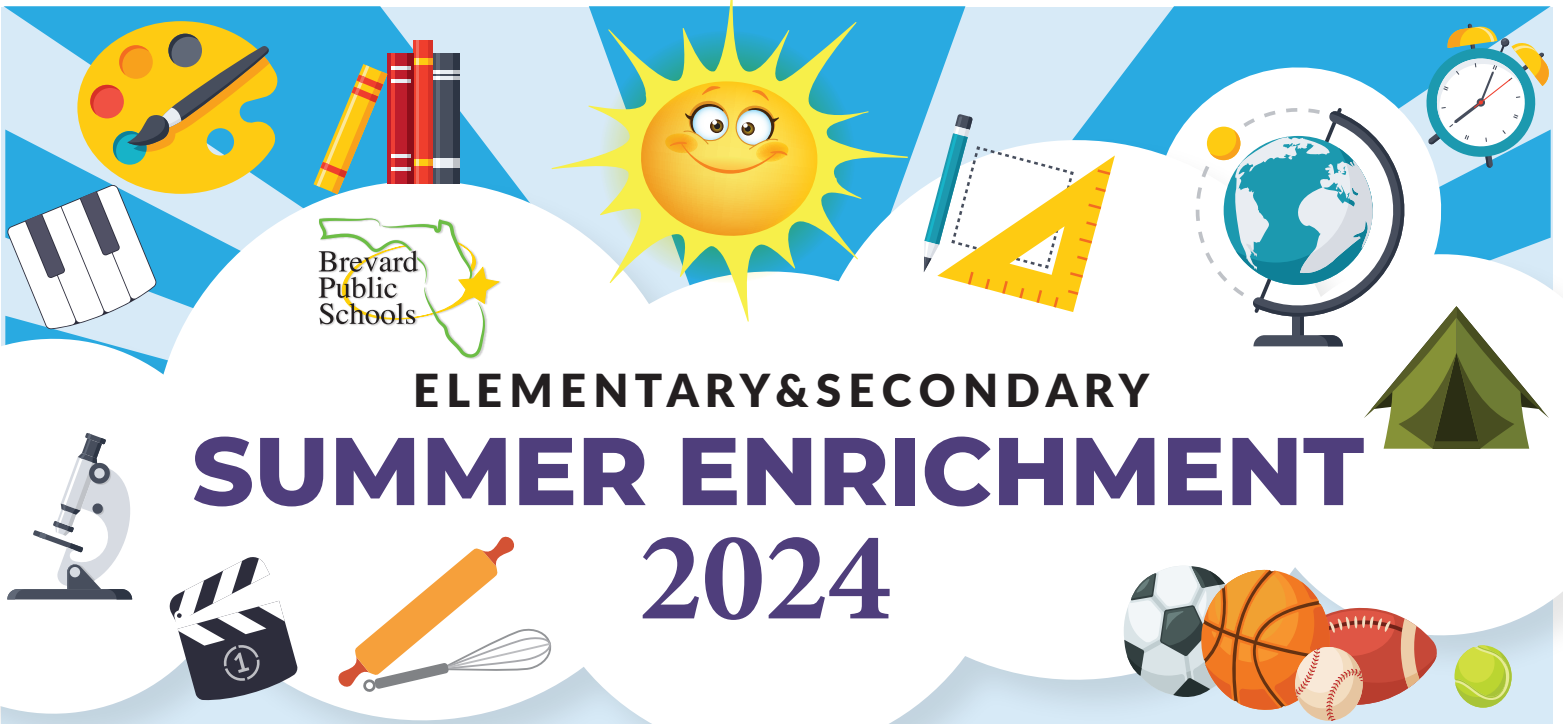
Fifth Grade

1. Esther D.
2. Grant V.
3. Brayden H.

Sixth Grade

1. Olivia D.
2. Kawena B.
3. Trevor J.





Brevard Public Schools

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SUMMER ENRICHMENT 2024

Hello BPS parents, guardians, students and community! This year will be offering enrichment sessions at select elementary and secondary schools. Our BPS teachers are showcasing their talents, hobbies, and expertise to ours schools for a unique learning environment.

All Summer Enrichment opportunities are free of cost for all students of Brevard from ages kindergarten through twelfth grade. Parents of charter school, private school, or home education students when registering enter either *Charter*, *Private* or *Home Education* for the student's BPS Identification Number.

Culinary		Summer Programs Offered			CPR
3D Printing	Cricut Design	Creative Writing	Arts & Crafts		
Band Camp	Theatre	Robotics	Coding	Water Adventures	
Step Dance	American Sign Language			Sports Camp	

Elementary Sessions
7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Secondary Sessions
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Weekly programs will be held Monday - Thursday with no classes on Fridays.

WEEK 1 June 3-6	WEEK 2 June 10-13	WEEK 3 June 17-20	WEEK 4 June 24-27
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Start registering online May 1st!



Transportation will be provided, but with limited capacity.



Breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge.



(website linked QR Code)

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in the third administration (PM3) of the Grades 3-6 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) **Reading and Mathematics assessments on:**

- **May 1, 2024: Reading**
- **May 2, 2024: Mathematics**

The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present items that cover the entire test "blueprint," meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics assessments, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator may be used.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that "discussing" test content

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- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Lisa Megown at 321-868-6610.

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based **Grade 5 Statewide Science assessment on: May 8, 2024.**

Statewide Science assessments are each administered in one 160-minute session, but students may work up to the length of a typical school day.

If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <https://fsassessments.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

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- **Calculator Policy**—For Grade 8 Science, a handheld four-function calculator may be used.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking a checkbox beside the statement in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
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- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
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